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applicant's representative, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Form PTO-1449 was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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